

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1677 – SB 1774

January 19, 2022

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes a county legislative body to provide notice of regular and special meetings on the social media platform of the county as a means of satisfying notice requirements.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease Local Expenditures –

Exceeds \$28,500/FY22-23 and Subsequent Years/Permissive

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 8-44-103, any such governmental body which holds a regular or special meeting shall give adequate public notice of such meeting.
- The proposed legislation authorizes a county legislative body to provide such notice of regular and special meetings on the social media platform of the county; therefore, the number of newspaper notices would decrease for any county legislative body that chooses to solely provide notice on the social media platform of the county.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 5-5-104(b), there shall be at least four regular meetings of the county legislative body each year.
- While the precise number of special meetings convened each year by each county legislative body is unknown, due to the rarity of special meetings, it can reasonably be estimated there will be one meeting each year.
- Therefore, it is assumed there will be a minimum of five meetings of the county legislative body each year.
- Tennessee Code Annotated § 5-5-104(e) and Tenn. Code Ann. § 5-5-105(a)(4) exempt Class 1 counties, resulting in this legislation impacting 92 counties (95 counties – 3 Class 1 counties). It can be reasonably assumed that at least 50 counties will eliminate newspaper notices and switch to providing notices on their social media.
- Based on responses to the 2017 Local Government Survey conducted by the Fiscal Review Committee staff, participating local government officials reported the average cost for a newspaper notification is \$114.
- The permissive decrease in local government expenditures is estimated to exceed \$28,500 (5 meetings x \$114 per notification x 50 counties) beginning in FY22-23 and occurring in subsequent years.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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